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Thursday, July 09, 2015 7:11 AM Sent: To: Nystrom, Thomas; Henson, Tucker

Cc: Martinez, Maria

Subject: 404 (f) - Silviculture Exemptions Attachments: Lewis 404 f letter to Corps.docx

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The Corps had asked for an opinion from the EPA as to whether or not we thought the activity was exempt. To me, the roads seem excessive in number, height, and width. Would you read over this one page response to the Corps and let me know what you think?

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 10:26 AM

To: Mayer, Martin S MVN

Cc: Heffner, Robert A MVN; Nethery, William R MVN; Windham, Michael J MVN

**Subject:** Lewis 404f silviculture exemption requirements **Attachments:** EPA response regarding Lewis 404f silviculture.pdf

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 02, 2015 10:32 AM

To: McDonald, Scott

Cc: Martinez, Maria; Nystrom, Thomas

Subject: Need attorney assigned for three enforcement cases

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1.

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Nethery, William R MVN < William.R. Nethery@usace.army.mil> From:

Friday, June 26, 2015 9:55 AM Gutierrez, Raul Sent:

To:

Subject: Current JD locations for Lewis

Attachments: Current JD locations Lewis property.jpg

The 3 previous JDs I know of that are on or near my current JD include MVN 2012-01678, 2012-01333, and 2001-03329.

Maybe Mike can reduce the file size and get them to you.

Thanks, b

From: Gutierrez, Raul

**Sent:** Monday, July 06, 2015 10:56 AM

To: Nystrom, Thomas

**Subject:** RE: Need attorney assigned for three enforcement cases

Once I get a lawyer assigned I'll have a phone call with all the EPA folks involved. I might drag you in on it. We'll then need to coordinate with NPS and the Corps and see who's going to take the lead or if this is one we let DOJ figure out.

From: Nystrom, Thomas

Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 10:53 AM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: RE: Need attorney assigned for three enforcement cases

You are probably already doing this, but make sure you keep Barbara Keeler in the loop on any enforcement actions in the 404© area.

From: Gutierrez, Raul

Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 10:32 AM

To: McDonald, Scott

Cc: Martinez, Maria; Nystrom, Thomas

Subject: Need attorney assigned for three enforcement cases

Scott,

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### Thanks!

Raul Gutierrez, Ph.D. Wetlands Section (6WQ-EM) US EPA Region 6 (504) 862-2371

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### Office:

From: McDonald, Scott

**Sent:** Monday, July 06, 2015 5:42 PM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

Cc: Martinez, Maria; Nystrom, Thomas; Henson, Tucker; Allen, Jackie

**Subject:** RE: Need attorney assigned for three enforcement cases

Follow Up Flag: Follow up Completed

### Raul,

Hello. I hope everything is well in New Orleans. Sorry for the delayed response, but I was out of the office last Thur & Friday. You may not know, but Jay Przyborski will be moving permanently to General Law in two weeks (July 20) leaving Tucker as the only Wetlands attorney for the next month or so. I am supposed to get a new attorney around Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>. I plan to assign her to 404 cases.

Regardless, in the meantime, please consider Tucker (x8148) assigned to the three cases below and forward to Tucker any helpful & insightful case development/background information. Thanks –

### Scott

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### Office:

From: Gutierrez, Raul

Sent: Monday, July 13, 2015 3:05 PM To: Martinez, Maria

To: Martinez, Maria
Cc: Kitto, Alison
Subject: Silviculture letter

Attachments: Lewis 404 f letter to Corps.docx

Attached is the final version of the 404(f) silviculture exemption letter.

Raul Gutierrez, Ph.D. Wetlands Section (6WQ-EM) US EPA Region 6 (504) 862-2371

Office:

Gutierrez, Raul From:

Monday, July 13, 2015 2:30 PM Kitto, Alison Sent:

To: Subject: silviculture letter

Attachments: Lewis 404 f letter to Corps.docx

Raul Gutierrez, Ph.D. Wetlands Section (6WQ-EM) US EPA Region 6 (504) 862-2371

Office:

From: Heffner, Robert A MVN < Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil>

Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2015 2:27 PM

To: LEWIS

Cc: Mayer, Martin S MVN; Gutierrez, Raul; Wingate, Mark R MVN Subject: EPA determination re: applicability of silvicultural exemption

Attachments: EPA silviculture non exempt letter.pdf

Mr. Lewis,

Attached is a letter the Corps received in response to a request for EPA to determine the applicability of the silvicultural exemption for activities conducted on property in the SE quadrant of the Satsuma Exit on I-12, specifically in Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, and 17, Township 7 South, Range 4 East in Livingston Parish.

This opinion will not hinder our continued effort to complete and issue the wetland delineation on the 2 - 20 acre parcels but does raise issues that will have to be addressed.

Respectfully,

**Rob Heffner** 

Chief, Surveillance and Enforcement Section U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District 504-862-1288

mailing address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District OD-SS P.O. Box 60267 New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

physical address:

7400 Leake Ave

New Orleans, LA 70118

From: Heffner, Robert A MVN <Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil>

Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2015 1:53 PM

To: Mayer, Martin S MVN; Nethery, William R MVN; Windham, Michael J MVN; Gutierrez, Raul

**Subject:** EPA Silviculture letter - Lewis propery document2015-12-02-133339.pdf

Gents,

Here is an electronic copy of the EPA's letter for your files.

Thanks, Rob

----Original Message----

From: Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil [mailto:Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2015 1:34 PM

To: Heffner, Robert A MVN <Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil>

Subject: See Attached

**Document Attached** 

From: Mayer, Martin S MVN <Martin.S.Mayer@usace.army.mil>

**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 5:19 PM **To:** Heffner, Robert A MVN; Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] FW: Lewis Suggs RE: 404 PERMIT (UNCLASSIFIED)

Attachments: DOC080615-003.pdf

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

**FYSA** 

----Original Message----

From: Helene [mailto:helenebrown@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 5:17 PM

To: Mayer, Martin S MVN

Cc: suggsjr@aol.com; Garry Lewis

Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Lewis Suggs RE: 404 PERMIT (UNCLASSIFIED)

### Thanks Mr. Mayer,

I understand you will get back to us soon and until then will follow your recommendation to delay thinning on forested wetlands identified in Enclosure 1.

We will not thin the forested wetlands, Enclosure 2, which are part of the

404 permit request dated July 23, 2015.

Thanks and have a good weekend.

Kindest regards, Garry Lewis

Cc:Al Suggs Jr.

----Original Message----

From: Mayer, Martin S MVN [mailto:Martin.S.Mayer@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 4:44 PM

To: Helene Brown

Cc: Heffner, Robert A MVN; Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: RE: Lewis Suggs RE: 404 PERMIT (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Good afternoon Mr. Lewis,

This is responds to your letter dated August 6, 2015 (attached). Having carefully reviewed the information you provided, you should not conduct the thinning operation in the forested wetland identified in your Enclosure 2.

We also recommend you delay the thinning in the remainder of the forested wetland identified on your Enclosure 1 until we can gather additional information to assess the applicability of the silvicultural exemption to this operation. The Environmental Protection Agency will send a letter requesting the information needed to assist with that evaluation.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on your proposed activity. Have a great weekend,

Martin S. Mayer Chief, Regulatory Branch New Orleans District US Army Corps of Engineers 504.862.2255 martin.s.mayer@us.army.mil

----Original Message-----

From: Helene [mailto:helenebrown@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 3:37 PM

To: Nethery, William R MVN; Herman, John M MVN; Heffner, Robert A MVN

Cc: suggsjr@aol.com; jprather@elosenv.com

Subject: Lewis Suggs RE: 404 PERMIT

Garry L. Lewis

17457 Wes McLin Rd. Suite A

Livingston, Louisiana 70754

(225)686-1111; Fax 686-7584

August 6, 2015

Attn: Mr. Bill Nethery

Attn: John Herman

Attn: Mr. Rob Heffner, Chief of Enforcement

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Thanks,
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Enclosure: 1. previous public notice - mitigation  2. 404 requested area
cc: ELOS  Timberland Logging Contractors (225)802-9236

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From: Gutierrez, Raul

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 11:14 AM

To: Herman, John M MVN

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: 404 PERMIT (UNCLASSIFIED)

Attachments: DOC080615-003.pdf

John,

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From: Herman, John M MVN < John.M.Herman@usace.army.mil>

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 11:38 AM

To: Terrell, Doris MVN Cc: Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: 404 PERMIT (UNCLASSIFIED)

Attachments: DOC080615-003.pdf

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Caveats: NONE

Doris, provide Raul with the MVN # for the S/D and any other information he needs. Thanks!

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JOHN M. HERMAN
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US Army Corps of Engineers
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(504) 862-1581
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Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 7:23 AM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

Cc: Heffner, Robert A MVN

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] request for meeting postponement (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Raul,

FYSA, this attendance list for the Gary Lewis meeting includes representatives from the CODEL, attorneys, loggers, ex-Corps consultants and citizens...

#### **MSM**

----Original Message----

From: Wittkamp, Velma C (Carol) MVN Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 5:54 PM

To: Hansen, Richard L COL MVN; Wingate, Mark R MVN; Mayer, Martin S MVN; Habbaz, Sandra P MVN; Lachin, Donna A

MVN; Appleton, Austin T LTC MVN

Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] request for meeting postponement (UNCLASSIFIED)

#### Col Hansen

Please see list of attendees for Monday's meeting.

Sandy, please send list to security and add Cong Graves

#### **Thanks**

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

Original Message

From: Tillery, Samantha <Samantha.Tillery@mail.house.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 6:16 PM

To: Wittkamp, Velma C (Carol) MVN

Cc: Sawyer, Paul; 'Helene'

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] request for meeting postponement (UNCLASSIFIED)

### Hi Carol -

Here is a list of the confirmed attendees from Helene for the meeting at USACE - New Orleans at 2pm on Oct 5, Room 336.

### Attendees for Monday:

GARRY LEWIS - CONFIRMED GAYLE LEWIS - CONFIRMED WM LEWIS - CONFIRMED JIM HOGG - CONFIRMED
LINDA HOGG - CONFIRMED
JAMES L HOGG - CONFIRMED
DAVID DOSS - CONFIRMED
LARRY COLLINS - CONFIRMED
MICHAEL EBY - CONFIRMED
AL SUGGS JR - CONFIRMED
STEPHEN CHUSTZ - CONFIRMED
RAYMOND PLAUCHE - CONFIRMED

DERRAL JONES - CONFIRMED (UNLESS UNFORSEEN) ROBERT BEARD - CONFIRMED CAROLYN MILTON - CONFIRMED STAN MILLAN - CONFIRMED RODNEY LEWIS - CONFIRMED DRAKE LEWIS - CONFIRMED BRIAN MCNAB - CONFIRMED LUKE WATKINS - CONFIRMED JAY PRATHER - CONFIRMED RON VENTOLA - CONFIRMED DALE ERDEY - ?????

Best,

Samantha Tillery | Scheduler
Office of Congressman Garret Graves (LA-06)
202-225-3901 (office) | garretgraves.house.gov

----Original Message-----

From: Wittkamp, Velma C (Carol) MVN [mailto:Carol.Wittkamp@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 1:49 PM

To: Tillery, Samantha Cc: Sawyer, Paul; 'Helene'

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] request for meeting postponement (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Great...thanks Samantha for all of the assistance...

----Original Message-----

From: Tillery, Samantha [mailto:Samantha.Tillery@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 12:46 PM

To: Wittkamp, Velma C (Carol) MVN

Cc: Sawyer, Paul; 'Helene'

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] request for meeting postponement (UNCLASSIFIED)

Thanks, Carol. I will touch base with Helene and send over a list of attendees.

Samantha Tillery | Scheduler Office of Congressman Garret Graves (LA-06) 202-225-3901 (office) | garretgraves.house.gov

----Original Message-----

From: Wittkamp, Velma C (Carol) MVN [mailto:Carol.Wittkamp@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 12:13 PM

To: Tillery, Samantha

Cc: Sawyer, Paul; 'Helene'

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] request for meeting postponement (UNCLASSIFIED)

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#### Samantha

Please send me a complete by name list of those attending the meeting. We provide that to the security guards at the entrance to the district for ease of access.

There is VIP parking under the canopy for the guest.

The meeting will be held in Room 336. I will be in the lobby around 1:50 to escort Congressman Graves and all up to the Executive Office for the meeting.

### thanks

----Original Message-----

From: Tillery, Samantha [mailto:Samantha.Tillery@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 9:52 AM

To: Wittkamp, Velma C (Carol) MVN

Cc: Sawyer, Paul; 'Helene'

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] request for meeting postponement (UNCLASSIFIED)

Hi Carol,

Do you have any specific directions for the attendees to follow upon arrival on Monday, Oct 5th?

Best,

Samantha Tillery | Scheduler Office of Congressman Garret Graves (LA-06) 202-225-3901 (office) | garretgraves.house.gov

----Original Message-----

From: Wittkamp, Velma C (Carol) MVN [mailto:Carol.Wittkamp@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 5:41 PM

To: Tillery, Samantha; 'Helene'

Cc: Sawyer, Paul

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] request for meeting postponement (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Awesome...we are all set on this end...see everyone on the 5th...

Thanks much...

----Original Message-----

From: Tillery, Samantha [mailto:Samantha.Tillery@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 4:40 PM To: 'Helene'; Wittkamp, Velma C (Carol) MVN

Cc: Sawyer, Paul

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] request for meeting postponement (UNCLASSIFIED)

Yes, all good on our end. Thanks, Carol.

Samantha Tillery | Scheduler Office of Congressman Garret Graves (LA-06) 202-225-3901 (office) | garretgraves.house.gov

----Original Message-----

From: Helene [mailto:helenebrown@bellsouth.net] Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 5:33 PM

To: 'Wittkamp, Velma C (Carol) MVN'; Tillery, Samantha

Cc: Sawyer, Paul

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] request for meeting postponement (UNCLASSIFIED)

This day works for Garry Lewis. I will inform those attending.

Thank you,

Helene M. Brown
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Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean. -Ryunosuke
Satoro

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Samantha

Monday/5 October will work on our end from 2-4 PM. I have blocked this time on Col Hansen's calendar.

Please confirm it is good on your end.
thanks
Original Message From: Tillery, Samantha [mailto:Samantha.Tillery@mail.house.gov] Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 12:47 PM To: Wittkamp, Velma C (Carol) MVN Cc: Helene; Sawyer, Paul Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] request for meeting postponement
Hi Carol,
Thank you in advance for considering these new meeting dates and times.  Congressman Graves and Mr. Garry Lewis are available at the following times listed in order of preference.
Monday, Oct 5th
2:00-4:00pm
Tuesday, Sept 22
2:00-3:30pm
Friday, Oct 2nd
Between 10:00am-4:00pm
Please give me a call if you have any questions.
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Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 6:18 PM

To: Sawyer, Paul

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] request for meeting postponement

Thanks Paul....let me know new dates so I can coordinate calendars

**Thanks** 

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Sawyer, Paul

Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2015 2:16 PM

To: Wittkamp, Velma C (Carol) MVN

Cc: Helene; Tillery, Samantha; Sawyer, Paul

Subject: [EXTERNAL] request for meeting postponement

Hi Carol.

Congressman Graves, on behalf of his constituent Mr. Garry Lewis, would like to postpone the meeting that is currently scheduled for 11am on 11 September at the USACE offices in New Orleans.

Cong. Graves' office will coordinate with Mr. Lewis' team to establish a set of dates that are mutually convenient to all parties and propose those for COL Hansen's consideration.

Please confirm receipt and we will notify all other parties involved.
Thank you for accommodating.
v/r,
Paul Sawyer   Chief of Staff Office of Congressman Garret Graves (LA-06)
202-225-3901 (DC)   225-442-1731 (LA)  garretgraves.house.gov
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From: Heffner, Robert A MVN <Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil>

Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 4:42 PM
To: Windham, Michael J MVN; Gutierrez, Raul

Cc: Mayer, Martin S MVN

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] water JD along roadway Nov 2014 (UNCLASSIFIED)

Attachments: proposed water JD.pdf; water JD contamination photos.pdf; water JD plat.pdf; water JD

petition signed.pdf

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Gents,

A draft response.

Mr. Lewis,

Corps issued wetland delineations are based on three parameters, the presence of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and hydrology. The criteria used to judge whether the presence or absence of a given parameter can be made during wet and dry periods.

As you probably know, we met on-site with your wetland consultant, Elos and others, most recently on June 25, 2015. Wetlands to be mapped were identified and discussed with your consultant and they were to submit a revised map and data for our review. Since then, we have not received a response from Elos to requests for status update made on July 31, August 3, and August 31. While inspecting an unrelated property with ELOS on Sept 4, we asked for a status update and were told they were working on it. On September 28, another request for an update was made. We are waiting for a response.

If not for a meeting scheduled for September 11 (that was cancelled) and another scheduled for October 5, we would have returned and canceled the request to ELOS for sufficient information. We look forward to discussing this with you on October 5.

Respectfully,

**Rob Heffner** 

Chief, Surveillance and Enforcement Section U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District 504-862-1288

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physical address: 7400 Leake Ave New Orleans, LA 70118

----Original Message----

From: LEWIS [mailto:bregaylew@aol.com] Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 1:52 PM

To: Heffner, Robert A MVN; Windham, Michael J MVN; Mayer, Martin S MVN

Subject: [EXTERNAL] water JD along roadway Nov 2014
RE: Water JD November 4, 2014
Dear Rob
Hope all is well, I am looking forward to seeing you October 5.
Thanks for your Sep 8 email.
On Sep 8, I forwarded the attached the residents signed 2013 petitions for water and a drawing showing the above JD pathway to provide uncontaminated water to them. Mike Windham had been aware of the need since March 16 but Sep 8. was first time I had communicated it to you.
Per attached, residents have provided more, above, graphic photos to show the severity of the need. From-Robert Beard and Carolyn Milton.  (appliances have failed, they can not drink the water, washing dishes leaves a film. (body washing leaves itching and scaling skin according to Ms. Milton)
Would you consider the presence of "more" wetlands here along Milton Ln. as an interpretation issue? This would let water project proceed speedily.
If not, and your direction is to show more wetlands, advise and I will bring a revision showing wetlands where none were found previously for our October meeting.

As you recall that was a very-very	wet and muddy day, and there were discussions over interpretations	differing	from
previous dry day observations.			

If wetlands, a Corp Permit process is required. AND THEN the residents and I would be concerned about another lengthy "permit" delay of even more than a year. I hope you will keep that in mind.

However between now and Oct 5-- any specific direction you can give me......to enable something to you....., to result in an approved JD on October 5, 2015 will be appreciated.

kindest regards

Garry

cc Mr. Mike Windham cc Mr. Martin Mayer

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From: Heffner, Robert A MVN < Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil>

Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 7:16 AM

To: Kitto, Alison Cc: Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: FW: Garry Lewis letter status update (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Alison,

I received Raul's out of office message. Are familiar with the referenced letter? I believe EPA references it as a "309" letter. The letter's intent is to gather information from a landowner so the EPA can determine if the operation qualifies for the, in this case, silvicultural exemption. Can you provide me with an update?

Thanks,

Rob

504-862-1288

----Original Message-----

From: Heffner, Robert A MVN

Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 7:13 AM

To: 'Gutierrez, Raul'

Subject: Garry Lewis letter status update (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

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I'll be glad to provide additional assistance,

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From: Gutierrez, Raul

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 12:54 PM

To: Henson, Tucker

**Subject:** FW: Lewis - Silviculture 308 request

Attachments: DOC080615-003.pdf; Lewis 309 letter.docx; Lewis 309 request.docx; lewis.jpg

#### Tucker,

This is one of the more pressing issues right now. Could you take a look at the documents?

From: Gutierrez, Raul

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 1:26 PM

To: Henson, Tucker

**Cc:** Martinez, Maria; Nystrom, Thomas **Subject:** Lewis - Silviculture 309 request

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Raul Gutierrez, Ph.D. Wetlands Section (6WQ-EM) US EPA Region 6 (504) 862-2371

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Baton Rouge, LA 70825

From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments:	Gutierrez, Raul Thursday, February 25, 2016 11:53 AM Henson, Tucker; Nystrom, Thomas FW: Lewis Properties SCAN8630_000.pdf
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Raul, FYSA.	
Mike, I put a hardcopy for	the file on your chair.
Thanks, Rob	
Sent: Friday, February 12, To: Hansen, Richard L COL <robert.a.heffner@usace< td=""><td>MVN <richard.l.hansen.col@usace.army.mil>; Heffner, Robert A MVN .army.mil&gt; N <robert.a.heffner@usace.army.mil>; Andrew J. Harrison <ajh@ajharrisonlaw.com>; ren@harrisonlawllc.com&gt;</ajh@ajharrisonlaw.com></robert.a.heffner@usace.army.mil></richard.l.hansen.col@usace.army.mil></td></robert.a.heffner@usace<>	MVN <richard.l.hansen.col@usace.army.mil>; Heffner, Robert A MVN .army.mil&gt; N <robert.a.heffner@usace.army.mil>; Andrew J. Harrison <ajh@ajharrisonlaw.com>; ren@harrisonlawllc.com&gt;</ajh@ajharrisonlaw.com></robert.a.heffner@usace.army.mil></richard.l.hansen.col@usace.army.mil>
•	is well. Please find attached Mr. Lewis' preliminary comments in response to your December in advance for your review.
Best Regards,	
Andrew	
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Heffner, Robert A MVN < Robert.A. Heffner@usace.army.mil> From: Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 7:09 AM To: Gutierrez, Raul Cc: Windham, Michael J MVN Subject: FW: Lewis Properties Attachments: SCAN8630 000.pdf Raul, FYSA. Mike, I put a hardcopy for the file on your chair. Thanks, Rob ----Original Message-----From: Andrew J. Harrison [mailto:ajh@ajharrisonlaw.com] Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 3:58 PM To: Hansen, Richard L COL MVN < Richard.L.Hansen.COL@usace.army.mil>; Heffner, Robert A MVN <Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil> Cc: Heffner, Robert A MVN <Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil>; Andrew J. Harrison <ajh@ajharrisonlaw.com>; Madeline Ahlgren <mahlgren@harrisonlawllc.com> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Lewis Properties Colonel Hansen, I hope all is well. Please find attached Mr. Lewis' preliminary comments in response to your December 4, 2015 letter. Thank you in advance for your review. Best Regards, Andrew Andrew J. Harrison, Jr. Harrison Law, LLC One American Place, Suite 820 Baton Rouge, LA 70825 Ph: 225-388-0065 Fax: 225-388-0501 Cell: 225-907-3380

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From: Heffner, Robert A MVN <Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil>

**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 1:16 PM **To:** Mayer, Martin S MVN; Gutierrez, Raul

**Subject:** FW: Lewis Suggs RE: 404 PERMIT (UNCLASSIFIED)

Attachments: DOC080615-003.pdf

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Martin and Raul, a draft response for your review. Raul, since I'm mentioning EPA, I want to be sure you have a chance to weigh in (edit). (If only our agencies provided the same opportunity to each other at HQ. But I digress.)

Mr. Lewis,

This is regards to your letter dated August 6, 2015 (attached). You should not conduct the thinning operation in the forested wetland identified in your Enclosure 2. We recommend you delay the thinning in the remainder of the forested wetland identified on your enclosure 1 until we can gather additional information to assess the applicability of the silvicultural exemption to this operation. The Environmental Protection Agency will send a letter requesting the information needed to assist with that evaluation.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on your proposed activity.

Sincerely, Martin

----Original Message-----

From: Helene [mailto:helenebrown@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 3:37 PM

To: Nethery, William R MVN; Herman, John M MVN; Heffner, Robert A MVN

Cc: suggsjr@aol.com; jprather@elosenv.com

Subject: Lewis Suggs RE: 404 PERMIT

Garry L. Lewis

17457 Wes McLin Rd. Suite A

Livingston, Louisiana 70754

(225)686-1111; Fax 686-7584

August 6, 2015

Attn: Mr. Bill Nethery
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US Army Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
CEMVN-OD-S
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Thanks,
GARRY LEWIS

Enclosure: 1. previous public notice - mitigation

2. 404 requested area

cc: ELOS

Timberland Logging Contractors (225)802-9236

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From: Gutierrez, Raul

Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 5:51 PM

To: Martinez, Maria

Cc: Henson, Tucker; Nystrom, Thomas

Subject: FW: request for determination regarding the applicability of the 404(f) exemption for

silviculture

Attachments: Exhibit 3 2015-00041-SK Broom.pdf; Exhibit 1 2012 and 2014 aerials JD locations.pdf;

Exhibit 2 Lewis Basemap with 2001 jd.pdf; 151106 epa silvi exempt memo lewis ppty and

black mud rd.docx

----Original Message----

From: Heffner, Robert A MVN [mailto:Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 3:23 PM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

Cc: Mayer, Martin S MVN

Subject: request for determination regarding the applicability of the 404(f) exemption for silviculture

Raul,

Attached is the memo we discussed for EPA's consideration. I'll be glad to provide additional information or clarification.

Respectfully,

**Rob Heffner** 

Chief, Surveillance and Enforcement Section U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District 504-862-1288

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From: Heffner, Robert A MVN <Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil>

Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 2:36 PM

To: Windham, Michael J MVN; Mayer, Martin S MVN; Gutierrez, Raul

**Subject:** FYSA - reply to letter requesting 6 week extension for Mr. Lewis to provide comments to

C&D.

Attachments: Harrison Lewis - Request for Extension of Time to file Letter of Comments - Colonel Richard

Hansen Letter.pdf; Harrison Lewis - Request for Extension of Time to file Letter of Comments

- Colonel Richard Hansen Letter REPLY TO.pdf

One attachment has an embedded attachment of the letter

From: Mayer, Martin S MVN <Martin.S.Mayer@usace.army.mil>

Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2015 2:20 PM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

Cc: Heffner, Robert A MVN; Windham, Michael J MVN; Nethery, William R MVN

Subject: Garrrry Lewis (UNCLASSIFIED)

Importance: High

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Raul,

With the Oct 5 2015 meeting with REP Graves/Garry Lewis drawing near, has EPA R6 HQ provided any more insight as to whether fill activities performed in wetlands on Garry Lewis' Satsuma, LA properties fall under the 404(f) silviculture exemption? Please advise, thanks,

Martin S. Mayer Chief, Regulatory Branch New Orleans District US Army Corps of Engineers 504.862.2255 martin.s.mayer@us.army.mil

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Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 4:17 PM

To: Mayer, Martin S MVN

Cc: Nethery, William R MVN; Herman, John M MVN; Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: 404 PERMIT (UNCLASSIFIED)

Attachments: DOC080615-003.pdf

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2. 404 requested area

cc: ELOS

Timberland Logging Contractors (225)802-9236

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From: Gutierrez, Raul

Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 9:55 AM
To: Nystrom, Thomas; Henson, Tucker

Cc: Martinez, Maria

**Subject:** Garry Lewis 404(f) silviculture draft EPA response to MVN

Attachments: Lewis 404 f letter to Corps - EPA concurrence.docx; Ongoing Silviculture Final-June 2009.pdf

Could you review this and then forward to Maria for signature?

Raul Gutierrez, Ph.D. Wetlands Section (6WQ-EM) US EPA Region 6 (504) 862-2371

Office:

From: Gutierrez, Raul

Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 5:49 PM

To: Henson, Tucker

Cc: Nystrom, Thomas; Martinez, Maria Subject: Garry Lewis/Al Suggs silviculture

Attachments: Lewis Jan 14.jpg; Lewis Mar 13.jpg; Lewis Nov 11.jpg; Lewis 2 Jan 14.jpg; Lewis 2 Nov 11.jpg; Lewis 2 Jan 14.jpg; Lewis 2 Nov 11.jpg; Lewis 3 Lewis 3 Lewis 3 Lewis 4 Lewis 5 Lewis 6 Lewis 7 Lewis 6 Lewis 7 Lewis 6 Lew

20121992jpn.pdf; DOC080615-003.pdf; Lewis 309 letter.docx; Lewis 309 request.docx

Have you had a chance to review the 308 information request on the silviculture operation in Livingston Parish? Here are some photos of the site.

Lewis – all of the silviculture site

Lewis2 – the smaller area that has been permitted for a subdivision and the adjacent "silviculture" operation

Raul Gutierrez, Ph.D. Wetlands Section (6WQ-EM) US EPA Region 6 (504) 862-2371

#### Office:

From: Heffner, Robert A MVN <Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil>

**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 7:13 AM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

**Subject:** Garry Lewis letter status update (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

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Martinez, Maria From:

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 9:42 AM Gutierrez, Raul Sent:

To:

Letter related to Mr. Lewis Situation Subject:

Attachments: 3225\_001.pdf

### Raul,

We received the attached letter. Can you please recommend a course of action? I think this is the individual that was attempting to call John Blevins a few weeks ago.

Maria

5-2230

From: Gutierrez, Raul

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 2:13 PM

To: Henson, Tucker

Cc: Martinez, Maria; Nystrom, Thomas Subject: Lewis - Silviculture 309 request

Attachments: DOC080615-003.pdf; Lewis 309 letter.docx; Lewis 309 request.docx; lewis.jpg

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#### Office:

From: Henson, Tucker

Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 11:35 AM

To: Gutierrez, Raul
Cc: Nystrom, Thomas
Subject: Lewis Meeting

Raul—Do you have a conference line set up for the call?

Tom—Are you going to a particular conference room or calling in from your desk?

Tucker Henson Assistant Regional Counsel U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 1445 Ross Ave. (6RC-EW) Dallas, TX 75202

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From: Terrell, Doris MVN <Doris.Terrell@usace.army.mil>

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 12:44 PM

To: Gutierrez, Raul
Cc: Herman, John M MVN

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: 404 PERMIT (UNCLASSIFIED)

Attachments: lewis.jpg; Factsheet- Livingston Ph.docx

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Raul,

The permit for the subdivision is the application that was just received. The permit number is MVN-2015-16-13-CU. The information regarding the project is as follows:

Project Location: South of Spring Ranch Road, Sec 3, T7S-R4E, near Satsuma, LA, in Livingston Parish(Covers area where drainage/utilities were permitted under MVN-2012-1992-CU)

Project Description: Clear, grade and deposit fill to install and maintain a residential subdivision, a road, and drainage/utilities

I've attached a map with all 5 projects in the vicinity and a factsheet that I'm working on.

If you have any questions, I have copies of most of the permits.

Doris X1588

-----Original Message-----From: Herman, John M MVN

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 11:38 AM

To: Terrell, Doris MVN Cc: Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: 404 PERMIT (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Doris, provide Raul with the MVN # for the S/D and any other information he needs. Thanks!

JOHN M. HERMAN
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Regulatory Branch
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(504) 862-1581
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----Original Message-----

From: Gutierrez, Raul [mailto:Gutierrez.Raul@epa.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 11:14 AM

To: Herman, John M MVN

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: 404 PERMIT (UNCLASSIFIED)

John,

Do you have an MVN # for the subdivision? It looks like MVN-2012-1992 was for the utilities.

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Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 4:17 PM

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Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 5:01 PM

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I made some edits below. Was the June 25th trip the one with Eby? Or was that more recent?

#### **MSM**

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Gents,

A draft response.

Mr. Lewis,

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As you probably know, we met on-site with your wetland consultant, Elos and others, most recently on June 25, 2015. Wetlands to be mapped were identified and discussed with your consultant and they were to submit a revised map and data for our review. Since then, we have not received a response from Elos to requests for status update made on July 31, August 3, and August 31. While inspecting an unrelated property with ELOS on Sept 4, we asked for a status update and were told they were working on it. On September 28, another request for an update was made. We are waiting for a response, which would be of great value in moving your JD request forward.

We look forward to discussing this with you on October 5.

Respectfully,

**Rob Heffner** 

Chief, Surveillance and Enforcement Section U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District 504-862-1288

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Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 5:35 PM

To: Heffner, Robert A MVN; Windham, Michael J MVN; Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: RE: FYSA - reply to letter requesting 6 week extension for Mr. Lewis to provide comments to

C&D. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Thanks for the SA, good response.

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One attachment has an embedded attachment of the letter

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From: Gutierrez, Raul

**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 10:02 AM

To: Martinez, Maria

**Subject:** FW: Lewis 404f silviculture exemption requirements (UNCLASSIFIED)

I would agree that the logging roads are excessive and do not conform to the BMPs listed in the guidance. That is why I targeted those first. I don't think Mr. Lewis or Mr. Suggs would be able to defend the size and scope of their roads if asked to do so, and would therefore not be able to use the silviculture exemption.

As for the perimeter ditches, I'd need to do more research to see if they are "normal", and if they are reducing the reach of waters of the U.S. I would like to get the USFS out there to give us their opinion. I also need to find where in the regs/guidance reduction of the reach of waters of the U.S. is mentioned. I'll discuss this further with you before we respond to the Corps.

----Original Message-----

From: Heffner, Robert A MVN [mailto:Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 3:20 PM To: Martinez, Maria; Gutierrez, Raul

Cc: Mayer, Martin S MVN

Subject: RE: Lewis 404f silviculture exemption requirements (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Maria and Raul,

I may be missing something but this letter falls short of the EPA stating that the operation as conducted to date does not qualify for the silvicultural exemption as I had hoped it would. It states what is needed to qualify but not whether what has been done satisfy the requirements for forest roads. It also fails to discuss the draining of wetlands and resulting reduction of the reach of waters of the U.S., that is not allowed under the exemption. Should we issue a C&D based on activities that are claimed to have been conducted as normal silviculture? If so, what portion, if not all of the property would it address.

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By the way, today we received a jurisdictional determination request from Mr. Lewis for the 2 plots that have perimeter ditches needed to drain the site to increase production (the loggers words, not mine).

Respectfully,

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Please find attached the EPA's requirements for the Lewis site to comply with 404(f) exemptions and best management
practices.
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From: Nystrom, Thomas

Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 12:52 PM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: RE: Garry Lewis 404(f) silviculture draft EPA response to MVN

One minor tweek in the first sentence of paragraph 2. I made it say . . . . exempted by 40 CFR . . . Printed and in Maria's box to be signed.

### Enjoy your turkey gumbo for Thanksgiving!

From: Gutierrez, Raul

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2015 9:55 AM **To:** Nystrom, Thomas; Henson, Tucker

Cc: Martinez, Maria

Subject: Garry Lewis 404(f) silviculture draft EPA response to MVN

Could you review this and then forward to Maria for signature?

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To: Henson, Tucker

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Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 2:08 PM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

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Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 3:37 PM

To: Nethery, William R MVN; Herman, John M MVN; Heffner, Robert A MVN

Cc: suggsjr@aol.com; jprather@elosenv.com

Subject: Lewis Suggs RE: 404 PERMIT

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August 6, 2015

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Enclosure: 1. previous public notice - mitigation
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Mr. Lewis,

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Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on your proposed activity.

Sincerely, Martin

----Original Message-----

From: Helene [mailto:helenebrown@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 3:37 PM

To: Nethery, William R MVN; Herman, John M MVN; Heffner, Robert A MVN

Cc: suggsjr@aol.com; jprather@elosenv.com

Subject: Lewis Suggs RE: 404 PERMIT

Garry L. Lewis

17457 Wes McLin Rd. Suite A

Livingston, Louisiana 70754

(225)686-1111; Fax 686-7584
August 6, 2015
Attn: Mr. Bill Nethery
Attn: John Herman
Attn: Mr. Rob Heffner, Chief of Enforcement
US Army Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
CEMVN-OD-S
Post Office Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267
Dear Bill, Rob & John,
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If you want me not to thin the areas involved in the 404 Permit request please advise and I won't touch those until you give the go ahead, or you can contact Timberland Logging directly at (225)802-9236.

Thanks,
GARRY LEWIS
Enclosure: 1. previous public notice - mitigation
2. 404 requested area
cc: ELOS
Timberland Logging Contractors (225)802-9236
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED Caveats: NONE
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From: Mayer, Martin S MVN <Martin.S.Mayer@usace.army.mil>

**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 4:44 PM

To: Helene Brown

Cc: Heffner, Robert A MVN; Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: RE: Lewis Suggs RE: 404 PERMIT (UNCLASSIFIED)

Attachments: DOC080615-003.pdf

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Good afternoon Mr. Lewis,

This is responds to your letter dated August 6, 2015 (attached). Having carefully reviewed the information you provided, you should not conduct the thinning operation in the forested wetland identified in your Enclosure 2. We also recommend you delay the thinning in the remainder of the forested wetland identified on your Enclosure 1 until we can gather additional information to assess the applicability of the silvicultural exemption to this operation. The Environmental Protection Agency will send a letter requesting the information needed to assist with that evaluation.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on your proposed activity. Have a great weekend,

Martin S. Mayer Chief, Regulatory Branch New Orleans District US Army Corps of Engineers 504.862.2255 martin.s.mayer@us.army.mil

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From: Henson, Tucker

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 07, 2015 8:25 AM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

**Subject:** FW: Need attorney assigned for three enforcement cases

### Raul,

Just a heads up, I'm out of the office next week for vacation. If you need anything for these cases in the next two weeks, please let me know ASAP.

Tucker Henson Assistant Regional Counsel U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 1445 Ross Ave. (6RC-EW) Dallas, TX 75202

Tel: (214) 665-8148 Fax: (214) 665-2182 henson.tucker@epa.gov

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From: McDonald, Scott

**Sent:** Monday, July 06, 2015 5:42 PM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

**Cc:** Martinez, Maria; Nystrom, Thomas; Henson, Tucker; Allen, Jackie **Subject:** RE: Need attorney assigned for three enforcement cases

### Raul,

Hello. I hope everything is well in New Orleans. Sorry for the delayed response, but I was out of the office last Thur & Friday. You may not know, but Jay Przyborski will be moving permanently to General Law in two weeks (July 20) leaving Tucker as the only Wetlands attorney for the next month or so. I am supposed to get a new attorney around Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>. I plan to assign her to 404 cases.

Regardless, in the meantime, please consider Tucker (x8148) assigned to the three cases below and forward to Tucker any helpful & insightful case development/background information. Thanks –

#### Scott

From: Gutierrez, Raul

Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 10:32 AM

To: McDonald, Scott

Cc: Martinez, Maria; Nystrom, Thomas

Subject: Need attorney assigned for three enforcement cases

### Scott,

Hope all is well in Dallas. I am in need of an attorney for three cases. They are described below:

3. Al Suggs/Gary Lewis – Silviculture exemptions/violations. We will be sending a 309 letter to get more information to see if the activities qualify for the silviculture exemption.

### Thanks!

Raul Gutierrez, Ph.D. Wetlands Section (6WQ-EM) US EPA Region 6 (504) 862-2371

### Office:

From: Henson, Tucker

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To: Kitto, Alison

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From: Martinez, Maria

Sent: Monday, December 21, 2015 10:25 AM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: Re: URGENT: Lewis Silviculture Heads up

Thanks for the heads up Raul

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 21, 2015, at 10:23 AM, Gutierrez, Raul < Gutierrez.Raul@epa.gov > wrote:

#### Maria,

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US Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District

**CEMVN-OD-SC** 

Post Office Box 60267

New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267

From: Heffner, Robert A MVN <Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil>

Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 3:23 PM

To: Gutierrez, Raul Cc: Mayer, Martin S MVN

**Subject:** request for determination regarding the applicability of the 404(f) exemption for silviculture **Attachments:** Exhibit 3 2015-00041-SK Broom.pdf; Exhibit 1 2012 and 2014 aerials JD locations.pdf;

Exhibit 2 Lewis Basemap with 2001 jd.pdf; 151106 epa silvi exempt memo lewis ppty and

black mud rd.docx

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Raul,

Attached is the memo we discussed for EPA's consideration. I'll be glad to provide additional information or clarification.

Respectfully,

**Rob Heffner** 

Chief, Surveillance and Enforcement Section U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District 504-862-1288

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7400 Leake Ave

New Orleans, LA 70118

Gutierrez, Raul From:

Wednesday, March 09, 2016 10:11 AM Nethery, William R MVN Sent:

To:

Subject: Silviculture info

Attachments: 2004\_10\_21\_wetlands\_40cfrPart232.pdf; Ongoing Silviculture Final-June 2009.pdf

Raul Gutierrez, Ph.D. Wetlands Section (6WQ-EM) US EPA Region 6 (504) 862-2371

Office:

From: Gutierrez, Raul

**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2015 10:24 AM

To: Martinez, Maria

Subject: URGENT: Lewis Silviculture Heads up

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From: Heffner, Robert A MVN <Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2015 8:11 AM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: FW: RAYMOND PLAUCHE REPORT FROM GARRY LEWIS (UNCLASSIFIED)

Attachments: DOC061715-003.pdf

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Raul,

Attached is a document we received as part of a congressional inquiry. It appears to include a subdivision plan. I'll look for the letters EPA previously sent stating an activity did not qualify for the silvicultural exemption.

Thanks, Rob

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

From: Martinez, Maria

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2015 1:41 PM

To: Moreno, Maria

Cc: Kitto, Alison; Gutierrez, Raul

**Subject:** FW: Silviculture letter

Attachments: Lewis 404 f letter to Corps.docx

### Maria,

Could you please finalize the attached letter for my signature? One edit, please add my middle initial "L." to my signature block.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

# Maria 5-2230

From: Gutierrez, Raul

Sent: Monday, July 13, 2015 3:05 PM

**To:** Martinez, Maria **Cc:** Kitto, Alison

Subject: Silviculture letter

Attached is the final version of the 404(f) silviculture exemption letter.

Raul Gutierrez, Ph.D. Wetlands Section (6WQ-EM) US EPA Region 6 (504) 862-2371

### Office:

From: Windham, Michael J MVN <Michael.J.Windham@usace.army.mil>

**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2015 11:34 AM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: Garry Lewis Property (logging operation) (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Raul,

Attached is a brief description for the property in question.

Tract of land located on and south of Spring Ranch Road, west of South Satsuma Road, and north of Drakeford McMorris Road in Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16 and 17, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, in Livingston Parish, Louisiana.

Michael J. Windham Surveillance and Enforcement US Army Corps of Engineers (504) 862-1235

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

From: Gutierrez, Raul

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2016 1:11 PM
To: Martinez, Maria

To: Martinez, Maria
Cc: Fontenot, Alison
Subject: draft Beard letter

Attachments: Beard 6WQ\_16\_00010.docx

Raul Gutierrez, Ph.D. Wetlands Section (6WQ-EM) US EPA Region 6 (504) 862-2371

Office:

From: Hill, Carolyn

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 1:04 PM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

**Subject:** FW: Incoming Mail - 6-15 with a letter to be controlled

Attachments: June 7, 2016 Ltr from Robert Beard & Carolyn Milton, Bad Water.pdf

Importance: High

#### Hey Raul

Karen asked me to check to see if you were assigned this control by Maria or not – the info is due to LaGayla in a couple of days...

From: Johnson, LaGayla

Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 4:42 PM

To: Watson, Jane <watson.jane@epa.gov>; Martinez, Maria <Martinez.Maria@epa.gov>; Crocker, Philip

<crocker.philip@epa.gov>; McCormick, Karen <McCormick.Karen@epa.gov>

Cc: Hill, Carolyn < Hill. Carolyn@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Incoming Mail - 6-15 with a letter to be controlled

Importance: High

Your branch is being assigned a 6WQ control.

Control No: 6WQ-16-0010 – Robert Beard & Carolyn Milton – Bad Water

Due Date: June 23, 2016

La Gayla Johnson
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From: Davis, Suea

Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 9:48 AM

**To:** Honker, William < <a href="mailto:honker.william@epa.gov">honker.william@epa.gov">honker.william@epa.gov</a>>; Garcia, David < <a href="mailto:Garcia.David@epa.gov">Garcia.David@epa.gov</a>>; Johnson, LaGayla < <a href="mailto:Johnson.Lagayla@epa.gov">Johnson, LaGayla</a>

**Subject:** Incoming Mail - 6-15 with a letter to be controlled

Importance: High

Hi Lagayla,

Please control the attached letter to 6WQ-E with a due date of 6/23 to respond to the Mr. Bearden and set a brief for Bill.

From: Honker, William

Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 5:08 PM To: Gutierrez, Raul; Evans, Diane

Cc: Martinez, Maria; Crocker, Philip; Watson, Jane; Garcia, David

**Subject:** FW: Incoming Mail - 6-20-16

Attachments: June 13, 2016 Ltr from Jim Hooper, Jr., Pueblo of Laguna, TAS for CWA 303(c) WQS

Response to Comments.pdf; June 13, 2016 Ltr from Robert Beard, We Want Clean Water

and Utilities.pdf

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fyi

Bill

William K. Honker, P.E.
Director, Water Division (6WQ)
EPA Region 6
Dallas, TX
214-665-3187

http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/index.htm



From: Davis, Suea

Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 4:09 PM

To: Honker, William <honker.william@epa.gov>; Garcia, David <Garcia.David@epa.gov>

Subject: Incoming Mail - 6-20-16

From: Martinez, Maria

**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 1:19 PM

To: Gutierrez, Raul
Cc: Fontenot, Alison
Subject: RE: draft Beard letter

Attachments: Final - Beard 6WQ\_16\_00010.docx

### Alison,

The attached file contain the final letter and is ready for signature.

Maria 5-2230

From: Gutierrez, Raul

**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 1:12 PM

**To:** Martinez, Maria <Martinez.Maria@epa.gov> **Cc:** Fontenot, Alison <Fontenot.Alison@epa.gov>

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Office:

From: Fontenot, Alison

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2016 1:22 PM To: Martinez, Maria; Gutierrez, Raul

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### Thanks, I'll bring it to 2:00 meeting.

From: Martinez, Maria

**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 1:19 PM **To:** Gutierrez, Raul <Gutierrez.Raul@epa.gov>

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Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 8:07 AM

To: Hill. Carolyn

Cc: McCormick, Karen; Martinez, Maria

Subject: RE: Incoming Mail - 6-15 with a letter to be controlled

Yes. I've got it. I'll talk with Maria tomorrow to see how she wants to answer the letter. Mr. Beard and Ms. Milton were at yesterday's silviculture meeting in Baton Rouge, so I got to meet them there.

From: Hill, Carolyn

Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 1:04 PM

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**Cc:** Watson, Jane; Garcia, David; Gutierrez, Raul **Subject:** Call Notes - Mr. Beard and Livingston, LA Letter

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Bill,

I called Mr. Beard today to follow up on his letter dated June 7, 2016 regarding water lines to the town of Livingston, LA and the pending CWA 404 activities by the Corps.

- I restated EPA's and the Corps' role in the matter.
- Mr. Beard mentioned that he thought the Corps had surveyed the wrong piece of land and they were mistakenly calling it wetlands.
- He also mentioned that he thought the Corps was dragging their feet on the decisions related to this situation, i.e.,
   19 acre plot to transmit the public drinking water lines.
- I mentioned that Tuesday's (6/21) multi-agency meeting will assist in clarifying the remaining questions. Raul will be representing EPA at meeting and will forward notes after the conclusion of the meeting.
- I told Mr. Beard that we would be following the situation.
- I encouraged him to call me back if he had any other questions or concerns.

Based on my discussions with the Corps, Raul, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Beard, I think there is some confusion on the status of decisions/work for the 500+ acre plot that may be involved in this issue versus the 19 acre plot for the public drinking water pipeline. There may be additional details and information that may be confusing this situation, e.g., multiple JDs, multiple Cease and Desist Orders, and multiple tracks of land for multiple purposes. Raul will be following up on the details and will put together and forward a factsheet that will attempt to differentiate between these facts.

In addition, there is a related FOIA from a law firm representing Mr. Lewis requesting records of communication on the related issues. We are working on the FOIA.

We will share updates on the situation as it progresses. Please let us know if you need anything else.

Maria 5-2230

From: Martinez, Maria

**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2016 10:10 AM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: FW: CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16

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From: Martinez, Maria

**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2016 2:18 PM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

**Subject:** FW: Requested Documentation - Al Suggs Jr.

Attachments: DOC032816.pdf

Raul,

Please advise.

Maria

From: Thilsted, Eugene

Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 1:49 PM

**To:** Martinez, Maria < Martinez. Maria@epa.gov> **Subject:** FW: Requested Documentation - Al Suggs Jr.

#### Maria,

Attached is more information that I received from Al Suggs (225-802-9236). I'm not familiar enough to discuss his concerns. Hopefully, you can become familiar with what he is talking about prior to his call.

Al mentioned to me that they have been taught to perform there Forestry Operations from the manual approved by LDEQ. His operation has been inspected by LDAF and found that he was in compliance.

He wants to visit with all parties and get to the bottom of this case so that he can get his operation back and running. I don't know what that takes.

Hopefully, you will be better equipped to discuss with him.

Thanks,

# W. Eugene Thilsted, Ph.D.

Policy Advisor-Agriculture 1445 Ross Avenue (6WQ) Dallas, TX 75202-2733 214.665.2782

From: Helene Brown [mailto:Helenebrown@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 10:02 AM

To: Thilsted, Eugene <Thilsted.Eugene@epa.gov>

**Cc:** suggsjr@aol.com

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See attached copy of BMP rules and regs for wetlands in State of Louisiana

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 1:00 PM

To: Heffner, Robert A MVN

Cc: Gutierrez, Raul Subject: Garry Lewis

**Attachments:** 20160616103016734.pdf

Rob,

We are in receipt of the attached correspondence from a Mr. Robert Beard. His expressed concerns seem to be related to the situation with Mr. Garry Lewis. We will be following up with Mr. Beard, however, I wanted to make sure you had the correspondence in case the issues came up in your meeting next week.

Please call if you have any questions.

Maria

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From: Helene Brown < Helenebrown@bellsouth.net>

**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 10:05 AM

**To:** Al Suggs Jr; Andrew Harrison; Bobby Mayweather DEQ Capitol Region; Buck Vandersteen

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Timothy; Timothy W Hardy, Atty; Wade Dubea; Wib Owen; William R Nethery

**Subject:** Meeting June 21 10AM

#### Dear Gentlemen,

We wish to set up a meeting on June 21, 10AM at the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry office at 5825 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA to establish difference between silviculture and non-silviculture activities and wetland issues within silviculture. We hope it is far enough in advance for everyone to clear their schedule or have a representative present for this appointment.

Can you please confirm via email your attendance on this date.

Thank you,

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From: Mayer, Martin S MVN <Martin.S.Mayer@usace.army.mil>

**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2016 3:44 PM

To: Heffner, Robert A MVN; Nethery, William R MVN; Ketchum, Brandee MVN; Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: Prep meeting for Garrrry Lewis

Team,

Would you be OK with pushing the prep meeting for Mr. Lewis back to 1 pm the same day?? I had an eye doctor appointment that morning that I forgot to keep an eye out for....

MSM

From: DARTER Sys Admin <darter-hq@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 1:26 PM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

**Subject:** Public Notice 'Garry Lewis -Southshire Subdivision, Livingston Parish' (441768) reassigned to

you by Virginia Irby

The following Public Notice has been reassigned to you by Virginia Irby:

**ID:** 441768

Name: Garry Lewis -Southshire Subdivision, Livingston Parish

Type: Standard CWA Permit

**DA Number:** MVN-2015-01613

**Due Date:** 07/04/2016

Link to DARTER application: <a href="https://ofmext.epa.gov/darter">https://ofmext.epa.gov/darter</a>

Sent from DARTER database on 06/14/2016 2:25 PM

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Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 9:15 AM

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**From:** Sentino, Sabrina [mailto:ssentino@ldaf.state.la.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 4:31 PM

To: 'Helene Brown' <Helenebrown@bellsouth.net>

Subject: RE: Set up Meeting

Ms. Brown,

The auditorium at LDAF is available for your use on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if that will work for your group.

Thanks,

## Sabrina Sentino

Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry (225) 922.1233

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To: Gutierrez, Raul Subject: Factsheets and Files

Importance: High

Follow Up Flag: Follow up Flag Status: Flagged

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## Satoro

From: Ketchum, Brandee MVN <Brandee.Ketchum@usace.army.mil>

**Sent:** Friday, June 03, 2016 10:52 AM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16

Raul,

I'm new to this project. Can you and I chat on the phone next week before you head out?

Brandee Ketchum Assistant District Counsel 504-862-2831

----Original Message-----

From: Gutierrez, Raul [mailto:Gutierrez.Raul@epa.gov]

Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 8:10 AM

To: Nethery, William R MVN <William.R.Nethery@usace.army.mil>; Ketchum, Brandee MVN

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MVN <Martin.S.Mayer@usace.army.mil>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16

I'll be out of the office from the 8th to the 17th.

----Original Message-----

From: Nethery, William R MVN [mailto:William.R.Nethery@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 2:25 PM

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Cc: Gutierrez, Raul < Gutierrez. Raul@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16

I'm good 13th or 14th also

William R. Nethery

US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District Regulatory Branch, Surveillance and Enforcement Section (504) 862-1267

----Original Message----

From: Ketchum, Brandee MVN

Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 2:24 PM

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16

I am also available Monday and Tuesday of that week (the 13th and 14th).

-----Original Message-----

From: Heffner, Robert A MVN

Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 12:54 PM

To: Mayer, Martin S MVN <Martin.S.Mayer@usace.army.mil>; Ketchum, Brandee MVN

<Brandee.Ketchum@usace.army.mil>

Cc: Gutierrez, Raul <Gutierrez.Raul@epa.gov>; Nethery, William R MVN <William.R.Nethery@usace.army.mil>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16

At 5 am on the 16th I'm leaving for New Hampshire for the Father's Day weekend. I'll be back in the office on the 20th. I'm also available before the 16th.

Rob

----Original Message-----

From: Mayer, Martin S MVN

Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 11:33 AM

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William R MVN < William.R. Nethery@usace.army.mil>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16

Good idea Brandee.

Gents, are you available for a prep session on the 16th/17th? I am actually open those days. Thanks,

Martin

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To: Mayer, Martin S MVN < Martin.S. Mayer@usace.army.mil>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16

Martin,

Checking over my calendar for the next few weeks, and I'd like us to get together (with whomever from your office that you feel is appropriate) prior to June 21 so we can make sure we're all on the same page internally about Garry Lewis.

I am coordinating my move to NOLA also the week of the 21st, so Monday will likely not work for me, but can we get together the 16th or the 17th?

Thanks, Brandee

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Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 5:30 PM

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Great, I did let Ms. Brown know you will attend. Don't know about anyone from R6 though,

#### **MSM**

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Martinez, Maria From:

Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 4:57 PM

Gutierrez, Raul To:

RE: [EXTERNAL] CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16 Subject:

Raul,

If the Corps is open to it, I think you should be there too. I would just make sure they know that you are there in a coordination mode since it is really a Corps lead at this stage.

#### Maria

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Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 4:55 PM

To: Martinez, Maria < Martinez. Maria@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16

#### Maria.

Garry Lewis will be at this meeting, along with his attorneys. I don't know if you want me to have one there, too. Maybe we can talk about this on Thursday.

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Cc: Gutierrez, Raul < Gutierrez. Raul@epa.gov>

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Team,

I am looking at May 18, 24 or 25. If those dates are good for you let me know and I can provide a single Corps response to Ms. Brown-Wright.

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**Sent:** Friday, June 17, 2016 10:11 AM

To: Helene Brown

Cc: Heffner, Robert A MVN; Nethery, William R MVN; Ketchum, Brandee MVN; Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: REMINDER: Meeting June 21 10AM

Good morning Ms. Brown,

This confirms attendance at the subject meeting by 4 USACE representatives:

Martin Mayer Rob Heffner Brandee Ketchum William Nethery

Have a nice weekend!

Martin

----Original Message-----

From: Helene Brown [mailto:Helenebrown@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Friday, June 17, 2016 10:00 AM

Cc: 'LEWIS' <bre> <bre> <bre> <bre> <bre> daylew@aol.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: REMINDER: Meeting June 21 10AM

Dear Gentlemen,

We wish to remind you of our meeting on June 21, 10AM at the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry Auditorium at 5825 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA. Most of you have previously confirmed this meeting and calendared.

Can you please reconfirm via email your attendance on this date so we may get a head count.

Thank you,

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Subject: Meeting June 21 10AM

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We wish to set up a meeting on June 21, 10AM at the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry office at 5825 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA to establish difference between silviculture and non-silviculture activities and wetland issues within silviculture. We hope it is far enough in advance for everyone to clear their schedule or have a representative present for this appointment.

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**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2016 2:19 PM

To: Helene Brown

Cc: Heffner, Robert A MVN; Nethery, William R MVN; Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Set up Meeting

Good afternoon Ms. Brown,

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From: Sentino, Sabrina [mailto:ssentino@ldaf.state.la.us] Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 4:31 PM
To: 'Helene Brown' <helenebrown@bellsouth.net> Subject: RE: Set up Meeting</helenebrown@bellsouth.net>
Ms. Brown,
The auditorium at LDAF is available for your use on Wednesday, April 27th. Please let me know if that will work for you
group.
Thanks,
Sabrina Sentino
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry
(225) 922.1233

From: Helene Brown [mailto:Helenebrown@bellsouth.net] Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 3:19 PM To: Al Suggs Jr; Andrew Harrison; Bobby Mayweather DEQ Capitol Region; Buck Vandersteen Exec Director LA Forestry Assoc; Dr. Raul Gutierrez; Meadows, Jay; Jay Prather; Kyle Ruckert; LEWIS; Luke Bolar; Luke Watkins; Maria Martinez; Martin S Mayer; Marvin Henderson; Michael Ebey; Commissioner Distribution Group; Raymond Plauche; Robert A Heffner; Ron Ventola; Timothy W Hardy, Atty; StateForester; Wib Owen; William R Nethery Subject: Set up Meeting

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Can you please let us know which dates above are best for you.

Thank you,

Helene M. Brown-Wright

For Garry Lewis / Suma Lake

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From: Watson, Jane

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 2:23 PM

To: Martinez, Maria
Cc: Gutierrez, Raul
Subject: Re: Call from LA

Thanks, Maria and Raul

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Fwd: Call from LA

Bill

William K. Honker, P.E. Director, Water Division, EPA Region 6

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Coleman, Sam" < Coleman.Sam@epa.gov>

**Date:** June 14, 2016 at 10:13:57 AM CDT

To: "Coleman, Sam" < Coleman. Sam@epa.gov>, "Gray, David"

<gray.david@epa.gov>, "Garcia, David" <Garcia.David@epa.gov>, "Honker,

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Release date:

March 28, 2016 Release Number: NR019

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From: Martinez, Maria

**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 9:25 AM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

**Subject:** FOIA Response - FW: Garry Lewis

From: Thilsted, Eugene

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2016 9:02 AM

To: Martinez, Maria < Martinez. Maria@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Garry Lewis

I'll review the info I have and let you know later this morning. I'm on a webinar now.

# W. Eugene Thilsted, Ph.D.

Policy Advisor-Agriculture 1445 Ross Avenue (6WQ) Dallas, TX 75202-2733 214.665.2782

From: Martinez, Maria

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2016 8:58 AM

To: Thilsted, Eugene < Thilsted. Eugene@epa.gov >

Subject: Re: Garry Lewis

Gene,

I am out of the office the rest of this week. Can you give me more specifics via email so we can start looking into it?

Maria

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2016, at 8:55 AM, Thilsted, Eugene <Thilsted.Eugene@epa.gov> wrote:

I mentioned earlier this week that I needed to visit with you.

I received a call from a Mr. Garry Lewis from Louisiana. He is a "little" unhappy about what the Corps as well as us has impacted his operation.

Therefore, I would like to visit with you and learn "the rest of the story".

Are you available today around 10:30?

## W. Eugene Thilsted, Ph.D.

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From: Gutierrez, Raul

**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2016 10:24 AM

To: Helene Brown

Subject: RE: CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16

I am not available May 9-13, but the rest of the month is free at this time.

**From:** Helene Brown [mailto:Helenebrown@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 10:08 AM

To: Al Suggs Jr <suggsjr@aol.com>; Andrew Harrison <ajh@ajharrisonlaw.com>; Bobby Mayweather DEQ Capitol Region

<cadmin@la.gov>; Buck Vandersteen Exec Director LA Forestry Assoc <lfa@laforestry.com>; Gutierrez, Raul

<Gutierrez.Raul@epa.gov>; Eby, Michael (Cassidy) <Michael\_Eby@cassidy.senate.gov>; Jay Meadows

<jmeadows@ldaf.state.la.us>; Jay Prather <jprather@elosenv.com>; Kyle Ruckert <kyle@boldstrategiesllc.com>; LEWIS

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<rventola@elosenv.com>; Landers, Timothy <Landers.Timothy@epa.gov>; Timothy W Hardy, Atty

<thardy@roedelparsons.com>; Wade Dubea <stateforester@ldaf.state.la.us>; Wib Owen

<wib.owen@southernforests.org>; William R Nethery <william.r.nethery@usace.army.mil>

Subject: CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16

Due to non-participation of certain attendees, we are going to postpone this meeting at future date to be determined. Possibly a date further in advance so we can have maximum attendance. Please submit available dates that you may attend so we can make a more mutually agreeable date for this meeting. Thank you,

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From: rventola@elosenv.com

**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 12:21 PM

To: Helene Brown

Cc: Al Suggs Jr; Andrew Harrison; Bobby Mayweather DEQ Capitol Region; Buck Vandersteen

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Timothy W Hardy, Atty; Wade Dubea; Wib Owen; William R Nethery

**Subject:** Re: Meeting June 21 10AM

Works for me. Ron Ventola

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2016, at 10:04 AM, "Helene Brown" < Helenebrown@bellsouth.net> wrote:

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From: Martinez, Maria

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 4:54 PM

To: Heffner, Robert A MVN

Cc: Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: RE: pre-meeting to prep for Jun 21 meeting to discuss silviculture

### Robert,

Is the meeting with Mr. Gary Lewis et. al. still scheduled to take place?

#### Maria

Maria L. Martinez

Chief, Wetlands Section

USEPA Region 6

1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200

Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

## -----Original Appointment-----

From: Heffner, Robert A MVN [mailto:Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 12:22 PM

To: Mayer, Martin S MVN; Nethery, William R MVN; Windham, Michael J MVN; Gutierrez, Raul; Martinez, Maria;

Ketchum, Brandee MVN

Subject: Canceled: pre-meeting to prep for Jun 21 meeting to discuss silviculture

When: Monday, June 20, 2016 9:00 AM-11:00 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada).

Where: Martin's office Importance: High

From: Mayer, Martin S MVN <Martin.S.Mayer@usace.army.mil>

**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2016 3:49 PM

To: Ketchum, Brandee MVN; Heffner, Robert A MVN; Nethery, William R MVN; Gutierrez, Raul

**Subject:** RE: Prep meeting for Garrrry Lewis

### Noted, thanks!

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MSM

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 8:39 AM

To: Ketchum, Brandee MVN; Heffner, Robert A MVN; Nethery, William R MVN; Gutierrez, Raul

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## Good morning Brandee,

We'll have that chat in my office, and the ext is 2255. We'll remind ya when we get closer. Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----From: Mayer, Martin S MVN

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 3:44 PM

To: Heffner, Robert A MVN <Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil>; Nethery, William R MVN

<William.R.Nethery@usace.army.mil>; Ketchum, Brandee MVN <Brandee.Ketchum@usace.army.mil>; Gutierrez, Raul

<Gutierrez.Raul@epa.gov>

Subject: Prep meeting for Garrrry Lewis

Team,

Would you be OK with pushing the prep meeting for Mr. Lewis back to 1 pm the same day?? I had an eye doctor appointment that morning that I forgot to keep an eye out for....

**MSM** 

From: Martinez, Maria

**Sent:** Friday, June 17, 2016 10:58 AM

To: Helene Brown Cc: Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: RE: REMINDER: Meeting June 21 10AM

Ms. Brown,

Dr. Raul Gutierrez, of my staff, will be representing EPA at the meeting on June 21st, 2016.

Maria

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Sent: Friday, June 17, 2016 10:00 AM

Cc: 'LEWIS' <bre> <bre> <bre> <bre> <bre> daol.com>

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From: Martinez, Maria

**Sent:** Friday, June 17, 2016 1:16 PM

To: Helene Brown Cc: Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: RE: REMINDER: Meeting June 21 10AM

Helene,

No, I will not, but Raul is one of senior scientist and senior technical program staff and he is very knowledge of the issues.

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From: Helene Brown [mailto:Helenebrown@bellsouth.net]

**Sent:** Friday, June 17, 2016 11:42 AM

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Subject: RE: REMINDER: Meeting June 21 10AM

Maria will you not be attending?

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From: Martinez, Maria

**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 9:25 AM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: FOIA Response - FW: Garry Lewis

**Attachments:** 20160616103016734.pdf

----Original Message-----

From: Heffner, Robert A MVN [mailto:Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 7:33 AM

To: Martinez, Maria < Martinez. Maria@epa.gov>

Cc: Mayer, Martin S MVN <Martin.S.Mayer@usace.army.mil>

Subject: FW: Garry Lewis

Maria,

Thank you for providing this. Mr. Lewis' attorney, Andrew Harrison, gave me a cryptic heads-up about a letter being sent by a person he didn't know. He didn't know who the intended recipient was. His call was to disavow any responsibility for it.

The waterline project permit review has been suspended since early February pending receipt of a tolling agreement which we have not received to date.

I'll be glad to provide additional assistance,

**Rob Heffner** 

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District 504-862-1288

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From: Martinez, Maria [mailto:Martinez.Maria@epa.gov]

Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 1:00 PM

To: Heffner, Robert A MVN < Robert.A. Heffner@usace.army.mil>

Cc: Gutierrez, Raul < Gutierrez. Raul@epa.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Garry Lewis

Rob,

We are in receipt of the attached correspondence from a Mr. Robert Beard. His expressed concerns seem to be related to the situation with Mr. Garry Lewis. We will be following up with Mr. Beard, however, I wanted to make sure you had the correspondence in case the issues came up in your meeting next week.

Please call if you have any questions.

Maria

Maria L. Martinez Chief, Wetlands Section USEPA Region 6 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200 Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

From: rventola@elosenv.com

**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2016 2:13 PM

To: Helene Brown

**Cc:** Sentino, Sabrina; Al Suggs Jr; Andrew Harrison; Bobby Mayweather DEQ Capitol Region;

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**Subject:** Re: Set up Meeting

April 27 works well for me.

Ron Ventola

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Sentino, Sabrina [mailto:ssentino@ldaf.state.la.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 4:31 PM

To: 'Helene Brown' < Helenebrown@bellsouth.net>

Subject: RE: Set up Meeting

Ms. Brown,

The auditorium at LDAF is available for your use on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if that will work for your group.

Thanks,

Sabrina Sentino

Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry (225) 922.1233

From: Helene Brown [mailto:Helenebrown@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 3:19 PM

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From: Gutierrez, Raul

**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2016 9:56 AM

To: Helene Brown RE: Set up Meeting

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From: Martinez, Maria

**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2016 8:53 AM

To: Landers, Timothy Cc: Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: Situation with Mr. Al Suggs

Tim,

I am sorry I missed your call last Thursday. I was on leave and just got back in the office today.

Regarding the situation related with Mr. Al Suggs. Please be aware that the Region has been in communications with Mr. Suggs. As was explained to Mr. Suggs previously, since the situation involves a Cease and Desist Order (actually two of them) issued by the Corps, it necessitates the involvement of the Corps. Per the Region's last communication with Mr. Suggs, he was supposed to communicate with the Corps and convene a meeting with the involved federal and state agencies to discuss the matter fully. The Region would be involved in the meeting with Raul Gutierrez and possibly Regional Counsel representing us as well.

We would prefer to work through the above channels first since it appears that there is still the need to have the Corps New Orleans District involved in resolving the matter. We would appreciate OWOW's support in encouraging Mr. Suggs to pursue our previously agreed course of action, i.e., meeting with the Corps New Orleans District and other federal/state agencies.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Maria

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Chief, Wetlands Section
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1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
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Phone: 214-665-2230

From: Martinez, Maria

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2016 3:52 PM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

Subject: Update on Discussion with Mr. Al Suggs

Raul,

I talked to Mr. Suggs this afternoon. He said that he has responded to the Corps in a letter just today. The letter is addressed to Bill Nethery. He is requesting a meeting with all parties including LDAF, LDEQ, and others. Hopefully, this will be the opportunity needed to start clarifying things for Mr. Suggs.

He also mentioned a reference on land maintenance. He mentioned the Southern Group of Foresters. I am not sure if it would be beneficial to look into that information before any meeting takes place.

Please keep me posted on the situation.

Thanks,

Maria 5-2230

From: Martinez, Maria

**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 9:27 AM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

**Subject:** FOIA Response - FW: Lewis 404f silviculture exemption requirements (UNCLASSIFIED)

----Original Message-----

From: Heffner, Robert A MVN [mailto:Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 8:57 AM

To: Martinez, Maria < Martinez. Maria@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Lewis 404f silviculture exemption requirements (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Maria,

Thank you. We will provide any assistance that we can.

Thanks again,

Rob

----Original Message-----

From: Martinez, Maria [mailto:Martinez.Maria@epa.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 8:32 AM

To: Heffner, Robert A MVN; Gutierrez, Raul

Cc: Mayer, Martin S MVN

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Lewis 404f silviculture exemption requirements (UNCLASSIFIED)

Rob,

I appreciate you communicating with us on the specifics of the needed information on the silviculture exemption requirements. Let me discuss these with Raul and our Regional Counsel and we will coordinate with you further once Raul gets back in the office.

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From: Heffner, Robert A MVN [mailto:Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 3:20 PM To: Martinez, Maria; Gutierrez, Raul

Cc: Mayer, Martin S MVN

Subject: RE: Lewis 404f silviculture exemption requirements (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Maria and Raul,

I may be missing something but this letter falls short of the EPA stating that the operation as conducted to date does not qualify for the silvicultural exemption as I had hoped it would. It states what is needed to qualify but not whether what has been done satisfy the requirements for forest roads. It also fails to discuss the draining of wetlands and resulting reduction of the reach of waters of the U.S., that is not allowed under the exemption. Should we issue a C&D based on activities that are claimed to have been conducted as normal silviculture? If so, what portion, if not all of the property would it address.

My personal opinion is the activities on the portion of the property I've seen exceeds what is allowed under the exemption. If necessary, what about reaching out to the U.S. Forest Service to have one of their experts weigh in on whether the activities are normal silvicultural activities.

By the way, today we received a jurisdictional determination request from Mr. Lewis for the 2 plots that have perimeter ditches needed to drain the site to increase production (the loggers words, not mine).

Respectfully,

Rob Heffner U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District 504-862-1288

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From: Gutierrez, Raul [mailto:Gutierrez.Raul@epa.gov]

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 10:26 AM

To: Mayer, Martin S MVN

Cc: Heffner, Robert A MVN; Nethery, William R MVN; Windham, Michael J MVN

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Lewis 404f silviculture exemption requirements

Please find attached the EPA's requirements for the Lewis site to comply with 404(f) exemptions and best management practices.

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From: Gutierrez, Raul

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2016 4:55 PM

To: Martinez, Maria

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16

Maria,

Garry Lewis will be at this meeting, along with his attorneys. I don't know if you want me to have one there, too. Maybe we can talk about this on Thursday.

----Original Message-----

From: Mayer, Martin S MVN [mailto:Martin.S.Mayer@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 7:41 AM

To: Heffner, Robert A MVN <Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil>; Nethery, William R MVN

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Raul,

I cannot respond for EPA, but I will keep you informed of Corps availability, so you can coordinate with EPA R6 HQ. Thanks,

**MSM** 

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Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 10:08 AM

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From: Mayer, Martin S MVN <Martin.S.Mayer@usace.army.mil>

**Sent:** Monday, May 09, 2016 3:04 PM

To: Gutierrez, Raul

Cc: Ketchum, Brandee MVN

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16

Raul,

Didn't you indicate EPA would be available to meet on 6/21? I cannot find the e-mail that I think you sent confirming such. Please advise, thanks,

**MSM** 

-----Original Message-----

From: Mayer, Martin S MVN

Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 9:25 AM

To: 'Helene Brown' < Helenebrown@bellsouth.net>

Cc: Heffner, Robert A MVN <Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil>; Nethery, William R MVN

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16

Good morning Ms. Brown,

The Corps is available to meet on June 21st. However, I cannot confirm EPA's availability for that day, so I suggest following up with EPA separately. Thank you,

Martin S. Mayer Chief, Regulatory Branch New Orleans District US Army Corps of Engineers 504.862.2255 martin.s.mayer@us.army.mil

----Original Message-----

From: Helene Brown [mailto:Helenebrown@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 1:55 PM

To: Mayer, Martin S MVN < Martin.S. Mayer@usace.army.mil>

Cc: Heffner, Robert A MVN <Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil>; Nethery, William R MVN

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16

Are you available any of these dates:

June 1-3, June 6, June 8-10, June 13-17, June 20-22 Not available June 7, June 23, June 27-30 Thanks,

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16

I will discuss with my staff and provide some alternative dates. Thanks,

**MSM** 

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 9:57 AM

To: Mayer, Martin S MVN

Cc: Heffner, Robert A MVN; Nethery, William R MVN; Ketchum, Brandee MVN; 'Gutierrez, Raul'

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16

We are unable to get a meeting place on the dates you have suggested. How about some dates in June?

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE 4/27/16

Good morning Ms. Brown,

New Orleans District offers the following dates to meet:

Tuesday May 24, 2016 Wednesday May 25, 2016

Thank you.

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